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- 1. Number in Sinkiang: The Taranchi race of Sinkiang, according to a 1941 survey, numbered 41,307, or only 1.1% of the total population.
- 2. Origin of the Name: The name Taranchi means cultivators.
- 3. History of the Race: The Taranchi are actually Uighurs. During the course of the Manchu conquests in Central Asia, in the second half of the eighteenth century, the population of Dzungaria was exterminated by epidemics or fled from the region. In repopulating the region, the Chinese brought some Uighurs into the Ili region. These Uighurs became known as Taranchi. In his list of the fourteen peoples of Sinkiang Province, Governor Sheng Shih-tsai separated the Taranchis from other Uighurs. There is no legitimate reason for this separation as the Taranchis are, in all aspects, members of the Uighur race. /For details as to their language, religion, physical characteristics, dress, dwellings, eating habits, etc, see [redacted] 50X1

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